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SUBJECT: COOPERATIVE UNEP/EPA PROJECT - IRIS

1. PLEASE INFORM UNEP LIAISON DIRECTOR NOEL BROWN THAT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY HAS INNOVATIVE INFORMATION SEARCH SYSTEM FOR LOCATING RESOURCE MATERIALS FOR TRAINING AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT IN FIELD OF WATER QUALITY WHICH IT WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING CENTERS, INCLUDING UNEP TRAINING CENTER IN MADRID, WHO REGIONAL CENTERS AND OTHERS AS APPROPRIATE THROUGH UNEP.

2. SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE UNIQUE SYSTEM, WHICH IS CALLED IRIS (INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES INFORMATION SYSTEM) ARE:

(1) A COMPUTERIZED FILE ON MULTI-MEDIA INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS (PUBLICATIONS, SLIDES, VIDEOTAPES, AUDIO  
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CASS:TTES, FILMS) THAT CAN BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE NEW ENTRIES.

(2) A SIMPLE SEARCH SYSTEM DESIGNED TO LOCATE MATERIALS BY SUBJECT, AUTHOR, SOURCE AND LEVEL OF TRAINING, WITH INFORMATION ON COST AND AVAILABILITY.

(3) ADAPTABILITY TO OTHER FIELDS OF INTEREST (E.G.  
AIR QUALITY, PESTICIDES, WASTE MANAGEMENT)

3. FOLLOWING, FOR UNEP REVIEW, IS A SUGGESTED PLAN FOR  
TRANSFER OF THE SYSTEM TO UNEP AS U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO  
STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING PRO-  
GRAMS.

STEP 1 - UNEP, IN COOPERATION WITH WHO, TO SPONSOR  
DEMONSTRATION OF IRIS FOR INTERNATIONAL CENTER DIRECTORS  
AND/OR PROGRAM MANAGERS CONCERNED WITH WATER QUALITY  
TRAINING. EPA WOULD DEMONSTRATE SYSTEM AND PROVIDE  
PARTICIPANTS WITH SETS OF DOCUMENTATION.

STEP 2 - UNEP TO EXPLORE POTENTIAL FOR EXPANDING SYS-  
TEM UNDER UNEP AUSPICES TO INCLUDE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS  
FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND FOR MAKING SYSTEM AVAILABLE TO  
UN SPONSORED ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING CENTERS.

4. IF INTERESTED IN PROPOSED COOPERATIVE PROJECT, UNEP  
NEW YORK LIAISON OFFICE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE  
TO EPA DEMONSTRATION OF IRIS MARCH 1 AND 2, WASHINGTON  
WITH FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS WITH EPA OFFICE OF INTERNA-  
TIONAL ACTIVITIES. FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM  
MS. DOLORES GREGORY, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF VISITORS AND  
INFORMATION EXCHANGE, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES,  
EPA (TEL. (202) 755-0560).

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